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What is claimed is:

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- 1 1. A computerized method for creating a story by multiple collaborators
2 comprising:
3 receiving a story concept;
4 making the story concept available for online access by the multiple
5 collaborators;
6 receiving content associated with the story concept from the multiple
7 collaborators;
8 determining if the content is approved for the story; and
9 creating the story from the content that is approved.
- 1 2. The computerized method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 determining if the story concept meets pre-determined criteria; and
3 deleting the story concept if it does not meet the pre-determined criteria.
- 1 3. The computerized method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 determining if the content meets pre-determined criteria; and
3 deleting the content if it does not meet the pre-determined criteria.
- 1 4. The computerized method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 publishing the story online for public viewing.
- 1 5. The computerized method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 publishing the story online for private viewing.

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1 6. The computerized method of claim 1, wherein determining whether the
2 content is approved comprises:
3 receiving a vote from an editor.

1 7. The computerized method of claim 6 further comprising:
2 notifying the editor when the content is received.

1 8. The computerized method of claim 6 further comprising:
2 receiving a list of editors.

1 9. The computerized method of claim 1, wherein the content is associated with
2 the story through an identifier that defines the story concept and an element within the
3 story concept.

1 10. The computerized method of claim 1, wherein the content received from one
2 of the multiple collaborators is of a different type than content received from another
3 one of the multiple collaborators.

1 11. The computerized method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 determining a reward for one or more of the multiple collaborators.

1 12. The computerized method of claim 11, wherein determining a reward
2 comprises:
3 requesting a vote from each viewer of the story; and
4 counting the votes.

1 13. The computerized method of claim 11, wherein the reward is based on a
2 category for the story.

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1 14. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions to a
2 cause a server computer to perform a method comprising:
3 receiving content related to an element in a concept for a story from one of a
4 plurality of collaborators coupled to the server computer;
5 receiving a decision on the content from an editor, the editor being chosen
6 from the group consisting of the plurality of collaborators and an originator of the
7 concept; and
8 including the content in the story if the decision of the editor is to approve the
9 content.

1 15. The computer-readable medium of claim 14 having further computer-
2 executable instructions comprising:
3 publishing the story online when all content for the concept is approved.

1 16. The computer-readable medium of claim 14 having further computer-
2 executable instructions comprising:
3 deleting the content if it does not meet pre-determined standards.

1 17. The computer-readable medium of claim 14 having further computer-
2 executable instructions comprising:
3 receiving the concept for the story from the originator.

1 18. The computer-readable medium of claim 17 having further computer-
2 executable instructions comprising:
3 making the concept available if it meets pre-determined standards.

1 19. The computer-readable medium of claim 14 having further computer-
2 executable instructions comprising:
3 determining a reward for one or more of the originator and the plurality of
4 collaborators.

1 20. The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the reward is based on
2 votes from viewers of the story.

1 21. The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the reward is based on a
2 category for the story.

1 22. A computerized system comprising:
1 a processor;
2 a memory coupled to the processor through a system bus;
3 a computer-readable medium coupled to the processor through the system bus;
4 and
5 an online collaborative story process executed from the computer-readable
6 medium by the processor to cause the processor to receive content for an online story
7 from multiple collaborators, to receive a decision on the content from an editor, and to
8 include the content in the story if the decision is to approve the content.

1 23. The computerized system of claim 22, wherein the online collaborative story
2 process further causes the processor to publish the story online.

1 24. The computerized system of claim 22, wherein the online collaborative story
2 process further causes the processor to delete the content when the content does not
3 satisfy pre-determined criteria.

1 25. The computerized system of claim 22, wherein the online collaborative story
2 process further causes the processor to receive a concept for the story and to post the
3 concept online, wherein the concept defines the content for the story.

1 26. The computerized system of claim 22, wherein the online collaborative story
2 process further causes the processor to delete the concept when the concept does not
3 satisfy pre-determined criteria.

1 27. The computerized system of claim 22, wherein the online collaborative story
2 process further causes the processor to request votes from viewers of the story and to
3 determine a reward based on votes received in response to the request.

1 28. A networked server system comprising:
2 means for posting a concept for a story in a story concept area for access by a
3 plurality of collaborators;
4 means for posting content associated with the story concept in a working
5 content area, the content being received from the plurality of collaborators;
6 means for voting on the content in the online working content area; and
7 means for publishing the content approved by the means for voting in a
8 published story area to create the story.

1 29. The networked server system of claim 28, further comprising:
2 means for reviewing the concept and the content in accordance with pre-
3 determined standards; and
4 means for deleting the concept and the content if deemed not acceptable by the
5 means for reviewing.

1 30. The networked server system of claim 29, further comprising:

2 means for collecting votes from viewers of the story; and
3 means for awarding one or more of the plurality of collaborators for the story
4 based on the votes collected by the means for collecting.

1 31. A method of rewarding originators and collaborators of online stories
2 comprising:
3 displaying multiple stories to a plurality of viewers, each story comprising a
4 story concept submitted by an originator and story content contributed by
5 collaborators;
6 requesting a vote on each story viewed by a viewer;
7 receiving the vote from the viewer; and
8 determining at least one winner from the originators and collaborators for each
9 story.

1 32. The method of claim 31, wherein requesting a vote comprises requesting a
2 vote for each of a plurality of categories associated with each story and wherein
3 determining at least one winner comprises determining a winner in each of the
4 plurality of categories.

1 33. The method of claim 32 further comprising:
2 rewarding the at least one winner by one or more of announcing the at least
3 one winner, awarding a prize, and giving an amount of cash.